

Sub 2
7. (thrice amended) The composition of claim 6 further comprising [another] a second gonadotropin both of said gonadotropins being stabilized by said dicarboxylic acid salt.

Sub 3
8. (twice amended) A lyophilized gonadotropin composition comprising:
one part by weight of a gonadotropin, said gonadotropin being of recombinant source; and
200 to 10,000 parts by weight of a dicarboxylic acid salt.

Sub 3
10. (thrice amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising [another] a second gonadotropin stabilized by the dicarboxylic acid salt.

Sub 4
5 13. (amended) The composition of claim [1] 2 wherein said non-reducing sugar is trehalose.

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 13 have been amended. Claim 14 is canceled. Claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 14 are currently pending in the application. All stand finally rejected. Claims 3 to 5 are withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A. 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph-

Claims 1, 2, 6 - 8 and 10 - 14 were rejected as assertedly being indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants propose amending the claims in an effort to overcome the rejection. Applicants believe the proposed amendments should be entered since they cancel a claim, remove issues for appeal, require only a cursory review by the Examiner, and should place the application in condition for allowance.